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4. IDENTIFICATION (provide descriptive data for documents; give name or identification number of briefer,
interviewee, testifier and subject)Memorandum reporting results of interview by SSC Staff Members
of FBI's representatives at the U.S. Embassies, Brasilia,
Brazil and Buenos Aires, Argentina.5. IN RESPONSE TO (list date and item number if in response to formal request, other-
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8. SUMMARY (see reverse side before completing this item)

In Brasilia the interview was directed mainly toward attempts
to elicit examples whereby [redacted]In the Buenos Aires
office questions concerning the mechanics of Legat reporting on intelligence
information developed locally to FBIHQ and the local
coordination of this information with the Embassy components,
the general nature of intelligence developed and reported.
Inquiry was also made into the reason for FBI expansion of
foreign liaison activities in 1970.

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November 11, 1975

**U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

**RE: VISITS OF SSC STAFF
MEMBERS TO FBI
LEGAL ATTACHES**

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On September 13, 1975, Mr. David Aaron, an investigator for SSC was briefed at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) in preparation for his planned visit to Brasilia, Brazil, on September 22, 1975, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, on September 26, 1975, in connection with the Committee's inquiry into U. S. intelligence activities. Mr. Aaron was briefed on the overall role and mission of the FBI's Legal Attaches (Legats), and specifically on the activities and functions of the Legats at Brasilia and Buenos Aires. He was advised that Legat, Brasilia, utilized two confidential sources in order to facilitate the prompt coverage of leads in Brazil. He was also told that Legat, Mexico City, and Legat, Brasilia, were the only Legat offices that utilized paid confidential sources. (S)

Legat, Buenos Aires, informed FBIHQ that the U. S. Embassy at Buenos Aires received instructions, classified "Secret," from the U. S. Department of State with regard to the visit of David Aaron, a former U. S. Department of State Foreign Service Officer, and William Truchart, a former U. S. Ambassador, to the U. S. Embassies at Brasilia, Buenos Aires, and Montevideo and the U. S. Consul General in Rio de Janeiro. The

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Department of State advised that the primary objective of the visitors was to discuss with the Ambassador and members of his staff the relationships and exercise of authority by the Ambassador of the intelligence activities in the field. The Department of State further advised that operational details, sources and methods were not construed to be legitimate avenues of inquiry by the SSC Staff Members.

Legat, Brasilia, was interviewed on September 22, 1975, by Messrs. Aaron and Truehart, with Aaron being dominant in the interviewing process. The interview was directed mainly toward attempts to elicit examples whereby

[redacted] Specific questions were placed with Legat to ascertain if the FBI was involved in Soviet Embassy "walk-ins" as well as recruitment of double agents [redacted]

[redacted] Discussion concerning Legat's role and functions in Brasilia appeared to be routine, with few, if any, pointed questions directed at FBI operations overseas. The subject of two paid confidential sources in Brasilia was briefly discussed and both SSC investigators appeared understanding and in agreement with the necessity of each confidential source to serve FBI's and U. S. Government's best interests in Brazil. The question seemingly bearing the most weight during the interview concerned possible unauthorized activities of CIA and its lack of cooperation and coordination with FBI and the Defense Attache's Office. The duration of the interview was approximately forty-five minutes. (S)

Legat, Buenos Aires, was interviewed by the two SSC Staff Members on September 26, 1975. Again Aaron played the dominant role during interview. He commenced

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the interview by stating that the operations of Legats, Brasilia, and Buenos Aires, were not the type of Legat operations he desired to review, indicating that Mexico City Legat's operations were more of the type of interest to them. Aaron asked pointed questions concerning the mechanics of Legat reporting on intelligence information developed locally to FBIHQ and the local coordination of this information with the Embassy components. Aaron requested the Legat provide him with the general nature of intelligence developed and reported by the Legat to the Embassy and FBIHQ. He was told that generally international and local terrorism were the prime topics of Legat reporting. Inquiry was also made into the reason for FBI expansion of foreign liaison activities in 1970. He was told that the Legat was not personally aware of any special reason other than that the FBI liaison operations required additional personnel and Aaron was referred to FBIHQ for any additional information in this regard. Legat was asked whether the [redacted] had ever requested Legat to secure data from FBI computer banks on Argentine residents of [redacted] interest who had previously resided in the U. S. Legat's reply was in the negative. Other questions mainly dealt with cooperation and coordination activities between the FBI and the [redacted]. Inquiry was also made into the relationship of the Drug Enforcement Agency and FBI overseas. The interview lasted approximately thirty-five minutes.

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(S) JFK (1/23)

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, Mr. Aaron was suffering from an intestinal problem and remained in his Buenos Aires hotel on September 25, 1975. The Charge D' Affaires hosted a small luncheon for former Ambassador Truchart on that date which Legat, Buenos Aires, attended. Truchart was very open regarding the operations of the SSC

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and stated that he felt the Committee had lost its perspective and that he believed that various Senators were engaging in a game of "one-upmanship" in revealing so-called sensational disclosures of CIA activities. Truchart stated he personally felt that the original purpose of the Committee to afford an objective review of U. S. intelligence operations had been lost. J/K

NOTE:

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The details of the interviews are located in Legat, Brasilia, teletype to the Bureau 9/23/75 and Legat, Buenos Aires, teletype to the Bureau 9/26/75, both classified "Secret" and both captioned "Senstudy-75."

Mr. Aaron was briefed at FBIHQ by Section Chief Vadja V. Kolombatovic, Harvey C. Flemister and Robert A. Bermingham of the Liaison Section, Intelligence Division.

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